Criteria for selection of scientists for Foreign Assignments

451. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a faci that a large number of scientists from the CSIR have been sent abroad :

(b) if so, what is the number of scientists sent abroad during the last 3 years with the duration of their stay abroad and under what pro gram-mes/schemes they were sent abroad; and

(c) what is the selection criteria for sending scientists abroad and whethe these criteria are being adhered to strictly and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY *Ob* SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DE-VELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of scientists who went abroad during the last 3 years is as follows :

1985-86	— 443
1986-87	536
1987-88	540

The visils were for different purposes/programmes e.g. for parti-cipation in the Conferences, scientific exchange programmes, bilateral S&T projects, fellowships and training, on study tour and assignments as experts under UNDP pogrannmes etc.

The duration normally varied from a few days to a few months/ years under the above programmes.

(c) Selections are mad eon specific guidelines formulated by an Expert Committee. Under these guidlines the proposals are to be first scrutinised by the Internal Com-mittets at the respective Laboratories/Ir, stitutes before recommending to CSIR. The visits bilateral programmes of CSIR and for collaborative projects are finalised on the recommendations of the High Level Departmental Committee appointed by the Director-Gensral, CSIR. The guidelines laid down are strictly adhered to while making selections for the Scientists' visits abroad.

IAS Officers sent abroad for Training

*452. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : SHRI TR. BALU :

Will the PRIME MINIST ER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of IAS and IPS officials who have been sent abroad for training during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what had been the expenditure, year-wise;

(c) what is the number of officers who are proposed to be sent abroad during the current year; and

(d) the details of area/field selected for training abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) The number of I.A.S. and I.P.S. officers nominated by